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<b>Art Unit:</b> 3677	:	<b>Serial No.: 09/682,877</b>
<b>Fax:</b> (703) 872-9306	:	<b>Applicant: Gregory O. Miller, et al.</b>
<b>From:</b> Thomas M. Fisher	:	<b>Atty. Dkt. No.: 9D-DW-19324CIP</b>

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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 9D-DW-19324CIP

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Filed: October 26, 2001 :  
For: METHODS AND APPARATUS :  
FOR SECURING A DISHWASHER :  
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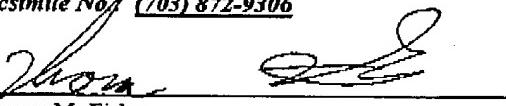
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

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second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
fourth month	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00
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OR

- (b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: